(iv) reducing cost of operations, and

(v) developing isolated small opencast patch deposits which are not amenable to scientific and economic development by departmental equipments in certain subsidiaries, thereby, reducing the scope of illegal mining activities also.

Company-wise coal production of CIL during the year 2005-06 by hired equipment is given below:

Subsidiary	Coal production (In Million Tonnes)
Eastern Coalfields Limited	3.434
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	6.421
Central Coalfields Limited	14.948
Northern Coalfields Limited	0
Western Coalfields Limited	4.422
South Eastern Coalfields Limited	63.305
Mahanadi Coalfields Limited	66.760
North Eastern Coalfields	0.978
Coal India Limited	160.268

Demand for increasing royalty on coal

†1026. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some coal producing States have been demanding increase in the rate of royalty on coal for the last few years;

(b) the name of the States demanding increase in the rates of royalty alongwith the existing royalty-rates of the coal; and

(c) the rate and amount of royalty being extended every year to the coal producing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) All the major coal producing States such as Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal etc. have been demanding increase in the rates of royalty on coal. The existing rates of royalty on coal, grade-wise, fixed on 16.8.2002 are as under:

(Rupees per tonne)

Coal Group			Coal Royalty rates	
			States other than West Bengal	West Bengal*
Group-I	:	Coking Coal-Steel Grade-I &II, Washery Grade-I	250.00	7.00
Group-II	:	Coking Coal-Washery Grade-II & III Semi-coking Coal - Grade-I & II Non-coking Coal - Grade-A and B	165.00	6.50
Group-III	:	Coking Coal - Washery Grade-IV Non-coking Coal - Grade-C	115.00	5.50
Group-IV	:	Non-coking Coal - Grade-D and E	85.00	4.30
Group-V	:	Non-coking Coal - Grade-F and G	65.00	2.50
Group-VI	:	Coal produced in Andhra Pradesh	90.00	-

(*The Government of West Bengal is also levying Cess and so the rates of royalty revised after 1981 have not been made applicable.)

The specifications of each grade of the coal are as prescribed under clause 3 of the Colliery Control Order, 2000.

(c) Royalty paid to States during the last five years by Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Name of State	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (provisional)
West Bengal	10.45	9.99	9.48	9.31	10.48
Jharkhand	571.19	649.89	743.14	735.89	781.41
Orissa	267.00	310.10	403.13	460.43	455.08
Maharashtra	229.45	258.90	282.01	292.95	307.42
Madhya Pradesh	390.88	431.86	501.07	529.63	564.47
Chhattisgarh	348.34	427.58	491.32	533.47	548.89
Uttar Pradesh	135.59	149.31	145.67	159.92	173.83
Assam	7.48	10.00	14.35	12.71	14.98
Andhra Pradesh	231.08	296.24	304.40	315.00	324.00
TOTAL	2191.46	2543.87	2894.57	3049.31	3180.56